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Dump Pit Safety Rules

Dear Valued Customer,

The harvest of 2002 saw a tragic accident near the dump pit at a country elevator in Illinois. The accident involved a straight truck pulling a gravity wagon. The employee of the elevator finished dumping the truck and before he could get clear of the vehicle, the driver drove away forgetting about the wagon he was pulling. As a result, the elevator employee was killed when he was struck by the gravity wagon.

Tragic accidents and near miss accidents can happen in and around grain elevator dump pits if proper safety precautions are not observed. Over the years, various injuries including sprained wrists, shoulder problems, broken noses, and loss of teeth, have occurred to grain elevator employees during the harvest seasons.

Please follow these simple steps and procedures and we can all have a safe and productive harvest:

1. Place your vehicle in neutral and set the parking brake.
2. Do not begin hoisting dump bed vehicles until instructed.
3. If you have any problems with the mechanism allowing the grain to flow out of the vehicle, inform the dump pit operator of the best method to operate this problem equipment.
4. **DO NOT** PROCEED BACK TO THE SCALE UNTIL THE DUMP OPERATOR SIGNALS TO YOU THAT IT IS OK TO MOVE!

By following these four simple rules, we will all be able to reduce the likelihood of a fatality or injury in or around the grain elevator dump pits this harvest season.